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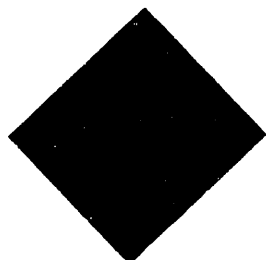
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It is reported in to-day's Times that the Jewish population has, since the imposition of martial law, given information enabling a number of terrorists to be caught.

These indications support the view that the policy of appeasing the Jewish Agency has been mistaken, and that more determined action by the government would induce a part of the Jewish community to cooperate with them against the terrorists.

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The settlers assembled last night in Tel-Hai where parts of pre-fabricated huts, agricultural tools and machinery, and the personal belongings of the settlers were loaded on trucks.

The second settlement, called Yakum, was established by a group of Hashomer Hatzair near Shefayim, one-and-a-half kilometres from the sea shore. The majority of the settlers are Youth Aliyah graduates brought to Palestine from Germany, and the others are Palestine-born youths.

Both settlements are being erected on Jewish National Fund land with the help of funds provided by the Keren Hayesod.

JEWISH MAYORS CALL UPON DISSIDENT GROUPS TO CEASE TERROR AGAINST BRITONS AND JEWS.

Jerusalem, Mar. 11th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

A stern warning to the dissident groups to cease their campaign of terror directed both against the Jewish population and the British, was issued late last night by the Mayor of Tel Aviv, Mr. Israel Rokach, the Mayor of Petach Tikvah, Mr. Joseph Saphir, and the Chairmen of the local councils of Ramat Gan, Bnei Brak and Givatayim.

"At a time when the Yishuv is endeavouring to organise its life under the present conditions so as to hold out in its struggle for its rights," the appeal says, "attacks are being carried out on troops by people lacking any sense of responsibility and understanding. We call upon them: Stop acts of terrorism against Jews and Britons. Do not destroy any possibility of maintaining our organisation intact. As the heads of our autonomous communities, we demand from you to put an end to these acts of self-destruction. We summon the public to support our efforts."

Referring to this appeal at a press conference in Tel Aviv to-day, a military spokesman declared that "this is the first time that such a warning has been voiced by the representatives of the Yishuv."

In reply to a question as to the progress made hitherto in the application of martial law, the spokesman said that no one could foretell how long the present situation would continue.

In reply to another question, the spokesman said that the Transjordan soldier who shot and seriously wounded the 18-year-old Esther Tausha in Tel Aviv last Sunday, is now under arrest. He stressed that the soldier was not on duty but was spending his leave in the city.

Despite strict Army and police control in Tel Aviv, walls and hoardings last night were again plastered with posters of the Irgun, the Stern Group and the Haganah.

The two dissident groups called upon the population to join them for the love of their country. They accused the present Jewish leaders and the Haganah of "betraying the national cause" and emphasised that their activities are the direct result of the Jewish Agency's policy of submission and appeasement. They declare that they will be ready to recognise the authority of the Agency if a new policy is adopted. In conclusion, the two groups warn that they will fight anyone seeking to prevent their activities.

The Haganah posters make both the British authorities and the terrorists responsible for the situation and call upon the Yishuv to be united at this critical juncture. The posters warn that the blood that was recently shed will not remain unavenged and that the terrorists will have to answer for their crimes.

A military staff car was blown up near Ramat Gan on the Haifa-Tel Aviv road. In a cave at the outskirts of Haifa, the bullet-riddled body of a 16-year-old boy, Ernst Michael Schnell, was found. He is reported to have been a member of one of the dissident groups and was allegedly killed by his own comrades.

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UNITED NATIONS GROUP STUDIES LEGAL STATUS OF BRITISH PALESTINE MANDATE: BRITISH NOTE ON SUBMISSION TO UNO UNDER PREPARATION.

Lake Success, Mar. 11th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

A study group to go into the Palestine question has been established within the United Nations Secretariat by the Secretary-General, Mr. Trygve Lie, it was learned here to-day. The group is composed of experts of the Trusteeship and Legal Departments. Its scope includes study of past developments as well as of the legal status of the British mandate for Palestine and preparation of documents to enable the United Nations to reach a decision.

According to official American circles, no reply has been received yet from Britain to the request for concrete proposals regarding submission of the Palestine problem to the United Nations.

It is also reported that Mr. Bevin will discuss the subject of reference to the United Nations with the Secretary of State, General George C. Marshall, in Moscow. A British note, it is stated, is being drawn up on this subject but will await action by Mr. Bevin.

BILL FOR ADMISSION OF D.P. CHILDREN TO AMERICA INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS.

Washington, Mar. 11th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Bills urging the admission to the United States of D.P. children under fourteen have been introduced in both Houses of Congress by Senator Irving Ives and Congressman Jacob Javits, both Republicans from New York, yesterday.

The bills would restrict such child immigration to children orphaned as a result of the second world war. They provide that American citizens sponsoring the children must adopt them.

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER ON WAY TO PALESTINE.

New York, Mar. 11th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President of the Zionist Organisation of America and member of the Jewish Agency Executive, left last night by air for Palestine to participate in the plenary meeting of the Jewish Agency Executive and in the session of the Zionist General Council.

EX-SERVICEMEN ESTABLISH FRONTIER SETTLEMENT IN UPPER GALILEE.

Jerusalem, Mar. 11th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Two new Jewish settlements were established early this morning in the northernmost part of Palestine, near Tel Hai. One of the settlements was occupied by a group of ex-servicemen of the Sixth South African Division known under the name of the "Zion" Division. During their service, the soldiers have put aside part of their pay to establish a settlement fund. Later, they were joined by a number of ex-servicemen from England.

The settlement, which has been named Maayan Baruch, in memory of Mr. Bernard Gordon, of South Africa, who bequeathed half of his fortune to the Jewish National Fund, is situated near the point where the frontiers of Palestine, Syria and Lebanon meet.

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French News Agency:

French news agency, 'Agence France Press' has informed that their news service from Palestine is gravely hampered by British authorities cutting off all communications between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem while Reuters still enjoys facilities of teleprinter between the two towns, asks for restoration of communications, and for reply.

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telephone communications between Tel Aviv and
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of this nature. I should be grateful if communications
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Mr. Ben-Gurion said that the first step in the material stage means settlement of the first million Jews in the shortest possible time. The second step in the material stage, he said, means development of the Arab parts of the country, because the basis of such development is irrigation and the Yishuv is unable to irrigate only the Jewish parts of the country. Furthermore, he continued, not only irrigation was implied, but also giving the Arabs schools and roads and lifting the standards as far as possible to the Jewish level.

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Arab Co-Operation Desired.

"When this plan is approved by the United Nations Palestine Committee and the United Nations itself, then the Jewish Agency is charged to carry it out," he said. "We can do it. If the Arabs are willing to co-operate in the job, we are willing."

Continuing with his explanation, Mr. Ben-Gurion declared that the legal aspect of the establishment of a Jewish State means recognition that the Zionist case is right. He said that after a considerable portion of immigration and development had been concluded under United Nations supervision, then the United Nations would declare no further need of such supervision, and recognise the establishment of an independent Jewish democratic State in which a majority of the inhabitants were Jews, but where no Jew had any more rights than any other citizen.

Mr. Ben-Gurion revealed, at this point, that during the talks in London early this year, the British Government had offered the Jews a privileged status in Palestine, citing colonial examples, but the Agency had refused.

During further questioning on the material and legal phases of his blueprint for a Jewish State, Mr. Ben-Gurion said: "When the United Nations will see that the main purpose for which this country is destined - to solve the Jewish problem - is being fulfilled, then the second, the legal, the formal phase will be realised."

Judge Sandstroem asked whether United Nations supervision was the same as continuation of the Mandate. Mr. Ben-Gurion replied "no, because there will be an unequivocal statement that Palestine is becoming a Jewish State. It will not be necessary for the United Nations to put up a new administration because the development of the country will be in the hands of the Jewish Agency, and all the rest - safety, security and so on - will be for a short time under United Nations supervision."

Mr. Ben-Gurion's Duel With Indian Representative.

At this point, Sir Abdur Rahman interrupted with the question: "You want the Jewish State to be established by force of arms of the United Nations?" Judge Sandstroem, who was handling the questioning smoothly, interrupted: "Mr. Ben-Gurion, you are giving the Jewish solution of the problem. Is this a complete dismissal of the Arab case?" Mr. Ben-Gurion replied: "That is not for me to reply. I am sorry that no Arab representatives are here because they are the only ones able to answer it authoritatively. There may be different reactions."

Thereupon, the Indian representative interrupted sharply: "Won't it mean absolutely a bloody war between you and the Arabs?" Mr. Ben-Gurion answered him at length, saying: "You want to know whether we want the United Nations to force the Jewish State on the Arabs; force is being used against us now. It is not Arab force. It is British force to keep the Jews out of Palestine and to enforce the racial laws. The question is - are you using the forces of the United Nations to prevent the Jews by force from returning to our country?"

The Indian interrupted again, and Judge Sandstroem said quietly, "Sir Abdur, please let me lead the questioning." But the Indian declared hotly to Mr. Ben-Gurion: "We will not finish our questioning in two months or even two years if you go on this way," adding "I do not understand you. If I contravene the law, force will be used against me."

Mr. Ben-Gurion explained that the question was not of force or no force, but of right or wrong. "That is for the United Nations to solve," he said. "If it is right, then what is to be done must be done. If it is wrong, then we have no right to return here at all."

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Palestine A Unique Case.

Mr. Ben-Gurion then gave the Arab case based on ancient residence and majority status now, and added "but you can't judge Palestine or the Jewish people the same as other peoples. This is unique." He also brought in this analogy: "Do you know of a single Arab who dreams of Spain or who wants to return to Spain and spends his money for Spain? Yet the Arabs compare Jewish yearnings in Palestine with the Arab right to Spain." He went on, "the Arab case came up 27 years ago. The world knew the Arabs had a majority here, yet more than 50 nations of the world refused to accept the Arab case." He said the situation has not changed since then; indeed, everything that has happened since has only strengthened that decision by the world. Judge Sandstrom asked whether he thought the 1,000 years of Arab occupation of the land was long enough to vitiate the Jewish claim. Mr. Ben-Gurion denied that. Then Judge Sandstrom went into the promise of the Mandate, the meaning of the National Home and the Jewish State, and the meaning of the words "in Palestine." "Weren't there any reservations in the Balfour Declaration?" he asked.

Mr. Ben-Gurion replied: "Only that civil and religious rights of other sections of the population must be safeguarded, and that the status of Jews in other countries unprejudiced. As to the second reservation, we are not having trouble with the Jews. As for the first, if what was meant was that the Jews remain a minority, then the Balfour Declaration would have read that civil and religious rights of Jews were to be safeguarded, not civil and religious rights of other sections. Obviously what was meant was that the Jewish majority should safeguard the rights of the non-Jewish minority. That is the clear indication that the National Home means a majority. The British didn't use the word 'State' because that implied compelling the returning Jews to make a State."

Mr. Justice Rand engaged in a colloquy with Mr. Ben-Gurion when the latter said he was asking Britain not to impose Jewish immigration on the Arabs, but simply to keep hands off. Justice Rand thereupon put in: "In 1922, when you were small and weak and unable to impose Jewish immigration yourselves, you would not have been satisfied to allow Britain to keep her hands off immigration. So the question is not one of using force, but of how much force you feel England should be prepared to use."

Jews Able To Take Care Of Themselves.

Sir Abdur Rahman asked "would you be prepared to let the question of immigration rest on the Jews and the Arabs?" Mr. Ben-Gurion answered in the affirmative, adding "I am certain that if we were allowed to return to our country, we would live in peace with the Arabs."

Mr. Ben-Gurion said that in 1937 the Jews were ready to accept a compromise. "When we had talks with the Government," he related, "we said we would accept a viable Jewish State in part of Palestine." Dr. Grenados asked whether the Jewish people were able to defend themselves from violence. Mr. Ben-Gurion replied: "If you find that we are right, we will make the greatest effort to get along with the Arabs. We will go to them and say that the United Nations have found we are right. We want to sit down with you and find out how best to work this out. Will you do so? If the Arabs say 'No', we will use force against you," then we shall take care of ourselves."

The question of parity came up when Mr. Simich asked Mr. Ben-Gurion "would you agree to have a Jewish majority and parity in the Government?" Mr. Ben-Gurion replied: "You can't have it. It would mean a deadlock. For example, take the Negev. If we would be for its development, the Arabs would not. Parity would prevent positive action being taken, and positive actions are needed in Palestine." Mr. Simich then asked whether he was pessimistic regarding Jewish-Arab co-operation. Mr. Ben-Gurion said he was not, but that as long as they thought they could prevent the Jews from entering, they were uncooperative.

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Jewish Agency Asks For Full Jewish State.

Replying to Professor Fabregat, Mr. Ben-Gurion said that racial laws prevented Jewish-Arab co-operation. Mr. Simitch asked again whether he was optimistic regarding political co-operation. He replied: "There are Arabs who want co-operation." To Mr. Simitch, Mr. Ben-Gurion declared there were 200,000 Jews in D.P. camps and deterioration had set in, with some D.P.'s having been murdered by Nazis. He also asserted that the American Jewish Congress adheres to a viable Jewish State, but the Jewish Agency is asking for a full Jewish State.

After the Committee had returned from an intermission, Mr. Ben-Gurion was asked by M. Karel Lisicky: "You are not opposed to partition?" Mr. Ben-Gurion replied that the dictionary defines partition as many divisions, and Palestine is already divided into three parts by land restrictions, from most of which Jews are excluded. "We are against partition," he said, but referring to his earlier testimony, he said that if a viable Jewish State were offered, Jews would consider it.

Judge Sandstroem asked what the Haganah was. Mr. Ben-Gurion replied that it was an organisation formed 40 years ago for defence. When asked by Judge Sandstroem whether it was armed, Mr. Ben-Gurion answered, "I hope so." He added "if you wish, its representatives will appear. I am sure they are ready, but I don't know if they are able to appear publicly, since under the present laws I think it may not be legal."

The last half-hour of the session was marked by repeated clashes between Rahman and Mr. Ben-Gurion, and also one clash between Dr. Grenados and the Indian which occurred when Rahman interrupted Dr. Grenados' questioning to say that he was not interested in that. Dr. Grenados said sharply, in a voice reverberating through the hall: "I'll conduct my questioning. You conduct yours."

Sir Abdur Rahman made no attempt to hide his hostility, and armed with books and written questions told Mr. Ben-Gurion, "I am going to ask you serious questions. I want them answered briefly." Then he hurled them at Mr. Ben-Gurion one after the other, clothed in legal phraseology. This continued until Mr. Ben-Gurion demanded: "What is the purpose of these questions? If you are calling my attention to statements and interpretations written in books, I can accept your word that they are printed in books."

On the question of Professor Norman Bentwich's interpretation of the National Home, Mr. Ben-Gurion said: "He has a right to his opinion. What of it? I think the framers of the Balfour Declaration had a better knowledge of its meaning."

Mr. Ben-Gurion also protested that he was unable to answer historical questions or questions relating to incidents in which he did not take part. Judge Sandstroem told Rahman to ask those questions of Dr. Weizmann. Sir Abdur asked whether there was a difference between the words "Palestine as a Jewish State" and the words "in Palestine", which Rahman said had been substituted in the Balfour Declaration. Mr. Ben-Gurion said he did not personally know the authenticity of the documents cited by Rahman, but he believed the only difference was that Palestine as a Jewish State might imply expelling the Arabs, and so that phrase was not used.

Questions On Arab National Movement.

Sir Abdur's final questions were: "You know that the Arab national movement goes back as far as 1914?" Mr. Ben-Gurion replied, "I know the Arabs of that period intimately. I did not find the Arabs engaged in political opposition to the Jews." Rahman demanded: "Didn't the Arabs seek to break away from the Ottoman Empire in 1914?" Mr. Ben-Gurion corrected him. "Not the Arabs of Palestine," he said. "They fought with the Turks." "And the Arabs of Syria, Transjordan, and the other Arab States?" Rahman pursued. "No," said Mr. Ben-Gurion. "Only a small number of Bedouins." "Wasn't the Jihad declared, and didn't the Arabs join against the Turks?" Rahman demanded. Mr. Ben-Gurion said, "No, only the Arabs in the army fought against the Turks. They fought because they were ordered to fight, as they had been ordered to fight for centuries."

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Edith Weiss, sister of Jacob Weiss, who is under sentence of death for participating in the Acre raid, visited her brother yesterday in Acre prison, but she was not even allowed to shake hands with him.

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Z.O.A. CONVENTION CONCLUDES: PRESIDENT TRUMAN FULLY IN ACCORD WITH
TRADITIONAL AMERICAN POLICY ON PALESTINE - SAYS SENATOR MURRAY.

New York, July 7th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Fiftieth Annual Convention of the Zionist Organisation of America closed last night with speeches from Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Mr. Louis Lipsky, and Senators James Murray and Owen Brewster.

Emphasising that "these are bad days for the Jewish people," Mr. Lipsky stressed that Jewish achievements in Palestine were "under persistent attack from a defaulting trustee. Once again American Zionists are called upon to take over the heavy responsibilities for the future of the Jewish State," he said. Mr. Lipsky declared that the entire American Jewish community, "with very few exceptions," are allied with the Zionist movement as exemplified in the formation of the American Jewish Conference four years ago, including every group in American Jewish life.

He emphasised that the slaughter of European Jewry left the leadership of Zionist affairs to two major groups: firstly, the Yishuv, which is "soon to become the Jewish State"; and secondly, the American Jewish community. Their co-operation is necessary until "the Jewish State itself takes over responsibility for the destiny of Jewish national life," Mr. Lipsky concluded.

Senator James Murray charged the State Department with "a tendency to postpone taking a clear position" on the Palestine issue, although American policy on this issue has long been "defined, developed and crystallised." He maintained that President Truman is "fully in accord" with the traditional American policy on Palestine, while Mr. Marshall "has no other thought than to have this policy carried out." The Secretary of State's attitude during his talk with several Senators last week on the Palestine problem was "quite encouraging," Senator Brewster added. He asserted that the American policy on Palestine remains unaltered and urged Zionists to continue the struggle until "Palestine is added to the number of free and democratic United Nations."

Dr. Israel Goldstein urged increased financial effort, pointing out that the combined deficit of Zionist bodies had reached 45,000,000 dollars. "Even proposed plans for the transfer of children from the Cyprus internment camps have had to be deferred because of lack of funds for their housing and maintenance," he added, emphasising that Jewish immigration into Palestine had slowed down for the same reason.

"Bevin's Savage, Satanic Conspiracy."

Mr. Rudolf Sonneborn, National Co-Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, made a slashing attack on the "conspiracy, headed by Ernest Bevin and the Colonial Office, which aims at sentencing these last remnants of European Jewry to suicide or living death. It is a vicious, savage, satanic conspiracy to keep the remnants of Jewry in Europe locked in air-tight compartments and unable to move except back to pogrom-ridden Poland and Rumania," he said.

Mr. Sonneborn charged the British with having "corrupted and bribed officials in key places. They maintain an elaborate espionage all over the world. They have only made the work more difficult. They have not and they will never succeed in stopping the second exodus of our people from slavery, degradation and death," he said. He praised the Haganah and assailed the "insane actions" of the Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern Group.

Mr. Joseph Goldberg announced that the active membership of the Z.O.A. is now 226,000.

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, General Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, sent a message to the Convention urging all-out support for the U.J.A.

Rabbi Irving Miller was named Chairman of the National Administrative Council of the Z.O.A., and Mr. Mortimer Kay and Mr. Jacob Richman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary of the Council respectively. The following National Vice-Presidents were chosen: Rabbi Leon Feur, Daniel Frisch, Mr. Abraham Goldstein, Mr. Abraham Goodman, Mr. Abraham Adelman, Judge Bernard Rosenblatt, Mr. Charles J. Rosenbloom and Mr. Eliahu D. Stone.

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Story Of The Battle.

At 2 a.m. this morning, the British naval units closed in on the "Exodus" and despatched a boarding party. The party was taken prisoner by the refugees after which the warships opened fire. Gas-bombs and water-hoses were also used in the attack which resulted in one Jew being killed and 105 wounded. A number of holes were made in the sides of the refugee vessel by the warships and water began to pour in very rapidly. After transmitting an S.O.S. message, the refugees managed to make temporary repairs to the stricken ship and began pumping water out.

Haganah headquarters released the text of the wireless messages received during the night from the ship's captain, revealing the minutes of the dramatic struggle between the British Navy and the desperate Jewish refugees. Here are extracts from the messages:

"1.15 a.m. - we are 20 miles off the coast, south of Jaffa. Prepare to receive us on the shores of Tel Aviv at dawn. Be ready. 2.50 a.m. - We are being attacked. Shots, smoke and bombs are being hurled at us without warning. 4 a.m. - the attack continues. We are resisting and shall continue to resist. One of us is dead and several seriously injured. 5.12 a.m. We continue to sail under our own power. Many are injured. We have decided to cease resistance and to transfer our wounded to the destroyer. The British sailors who captured the bridge are now our prisoners. Their arms were thrown into the sea. There are casualties also among the attackers. 5.20 a.m. - Twenty miles off the coast and sailing toward Haifa, destroyers rammed our ship and made holes in the hull, destroying the wooden structure. The ship is taking water. 5.40 a.m. - The ship is badly damaged. The engine room is flooded. We are using reserve engines. The number of British Navy prisoners is 30. We control the ship. 5.45 a.m. - Water is flowing in freely. The ship is listing badly. We are in danger of drowning. 6 a.m. - We are preparing to resume the struggle. The position of the wounded is worse. Many need blood transfusions. We are still sailing under our own steam." The last message was heard at 9.30 this morning. It called on the Yishuv to proclaim a general strike and appealed to the United Nations to protest against the attack on the ship which had endangered the lives of the refugees.

An official communique described how the "Exodus" had adopted evasive tactics, making it impossible for the British destroyers to remain alongside for more than a brief period. These tactics resulted in damage to the ship, it said. The boarding party met strong resistance, the statement went on, during which the immigrants used tear smoke, fireworks, smoke bombs, steam jets, oil, fuel and various missiles. Life-saving rafts released above the boat deck fell on the upper decks of the British ships. The statement said that the boarding party of 50 sailors were forced to begin using small-arms fire against one man who was threatening to decapitate one of the boarding party with an axe, and against another who was about to use his rifle. The communique said the British thought the shots missed both times, but they frightened the two men who dropped their weapons. According to the British announcement, there were no fatal casualties among the crew or passengers. It concluded by saying that three of the boarding party would have to be sent to a hospital.

Early this evening it seemed as if the "Exodus" was sinking and would not reach Haifa, as ordered by the escorting destroyers. In a second appeal to the Chairman of the United Nations Palestine Committee, the Haganah High Command said that the only chance to save the passengers was to beach the ship at the nearest coast, which at that time was the seacoast of Nathanya, which is under control. But the refugee ship finally reached Haifa this evening.

U.N. Committee Members Watch Transhipment.

Transhipment of the refugees to other vessels began immediately and is proceeding smoothly.

Among those who had gathered to watch the transhipment were Judge Sandstroem, Chairman of the U.N. Enquiry Committee, and M. Simich, the Yugoslav representative.

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YISHUV OBSERVES GENERAL STRIKE IN PROTEST AGAINST ATTACK ON REFUGEE IMMIGRANT SHIP.

Jerusalem, July 20th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

A general strike from four to seven p.m. was observed throughout the Yishuv to-day in protest against the attack on the Hagana ship, "Exodus", as a result of which three passengers were killed and 28, including ten men, seventeen women and one child, wounded. The funeral of the three victims - William Bernstein, of San Francisco, first mate, Mordechai Dunstein, 23-year-old former inmate of a D.P. camp in Germany, and 15-year-old Hirsch Jacobovitch, from Poland - took place this afternoon in Haifa. A mass protest meeting in that city was addressed by Mrs. Goldie Weirson, head of the Jerusalem office of the Jewish Agency Political Department.

The strike was also in protest against the deportation of the remaining passengers to an unknown destination. There were strong rumours last night that the British Government had approached France suggesting that the intending immigrants should be brought back to the French port of embarkation. A previous Government announcement that the immigrants were to be brought to Cyprus was hastily withdrawn after the Public Information Officer, Mr. Richard Stubbs, had allegedly been reprimanded by the Chief Secretary, Sir Henry Gurney, for disclosing the destination of the refugees.

Condition Of Injured Refugees Serious.

Those wounded during the clash with the boarding party are now detained in the Haifa Government Hospital. The condition of some of them, including Arieh Birnbaum, aged 26, and Moses Engelman, aged 20, both suffering from abdominal wounds, Ernst Weiss, aged 24, William Millman, aged 24, of Chelsea, Massachusetts, and the 71-year-old Nathan Berkovitch, remains serious. Thirty-four relatives of the wounded passengers were allowed to remain behind in Haifa. Hospital treatment was also given to three members of the naval boarding party.

The three troopships carrying 4,529 refugees, sailed from Haifa early yesterday morning following the conclusion of the 12-hour transshipment operation from the s.s. "Exodus." The captain of the immigrant boat was Leonard Marcus, aged 24, it was learned to-day.

"Senseless Cruelty."

Denouncing the attack as an "act of senseless cruelty," a Jewish Agency spokesman last night voiced the determination of the Yishuv to bring back the deported Jews to their rightful homeland.

"The free-dom-loving peoples of the world must share the shock and revulsion of the Jewish people over the attack launched against the Hagana ship "Exodus 1947" and its cargo of human misery," he declared. "The Mandatory Power has now extended the enforcement of the illegal White Paper to the high seas, and to enforce this policy the Mandatory was driven to utter disregard for human life and freedom. The ramming of the ship was a needless wanton act, fraught with grave peril for 4,500 refugees, most of whom were women and children. The armed attack was an act of senseless cruelty."

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Protesting against the deportation, the Jewish Agency spokesman said: "To-day those who came aboard the "Exodus" are once again in exile but they will not, they must not, long remain so. To bring them and their hundreds of thousands of brothers and sisters to their rightful homeland, the Yishuv will strain every resource and dedicate its entire strength."

A broadcast from the Haganah's radio station stated that the "Exodus" is only the first of many ships to come, despite the "British diplomatic and military blockade." The "Exodus" is also a reply to many "inside our own camp" who had asserted that unauthorized immigration had been discontinued. It was the duty of the U.N. enquiry committee to visit the "flotilla of illegal ships" inside Haifa port to see for themselves against whom British arms are directed, the broadcast concluded.

Appeal To American Labour.

An urgent appeal to Mr. William Green, President of the American Federation of Labour, and Mr. Philip Murray, President of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, asking them to intervene with the British Labour Government, was cabled last night to New York by a delegation of the National Labour Committee of America, composed of Mr. Isaac Hamlin, Dr. David Peblsky, Mr. Abraham Hamlin, Mr. A. Kushinsky and Mr. Henry Lak, who are now in Palestine on a visit.

"We have just arrived from Haifa where we saw the refugee boat "Exodus 1947" and had a long talk with a Christian Minister who was a passenger on the boat and an eye-witness to the brutal acts committed against 4,500 refugees, including 600 infants from D.P. camps," the cable states, pointing out that "the passengers were the first to be attacked by gas-bombs. They were then shot on, resulting in three dead and 45 wounded. One of the dead is an American citizen and former member of the U.S. Naval Reserve. A British ship also rammed the "Exodus" endangering many lives. We bring these facts to your attention and hope you will appeal to the British Labour Government to avoid in the future such inhuman acts, and open the doors of Palestine to the Jewish survivors who are clamouring at the doors of Palestine, which is the only hope for their rescue and rehabilitation. We convey to you the greetings of the Palestine Federation of Jewish Labour and their deep appreciation for your solidarity and co-operation."

Underground Continues Attacks On Military.

Meanwhile, underground action against military traffic and personnel continues unabated. On Friday night, sirens were sounded in Jerusalem for the second time within two hours. A hand-grenade was thrown through Gate 4 of Protected Zone "D", injuring a soldier on guard. Later, an incendiary bomb exploded under an armoured car passing through Ben Yehuda Street in the centre of the city.

The quiet of the Sabbath morning was broken in Jerusalem by sirens sounding a short alarm which proved to be false. In other parts of the country, however, underground attacks continued throughout yesterday. Shots were heard in the Hadar Hacarmel area in Haifa where one British constable was killed and two others wounded. In the evening, a lorry was blown up by a land-mine on the Mount Scopus road. There were three casualties. The alarm was sounded again. A 22-year-old Jewish boy was injured in his bed by flying glass as a result of the incident. Two Jewish men and one woman also suffered glass cuts and four other Jewish passers-by were wounded by shots fired by soldiers. Two of them were detained in hospital.

To-day, five attacks were made on railway lines in Palestine. There were no casualties, but the lines were cut in several places, resulting in goods and passenger trains being delayed several hours. In one case a shot was fired at a railway employee who located a mine. The railway man was not hurt.

One British soldier was killed and another seriously wounded when their car hit a land mine near Raanana, it was announced this afternoon. Two more soldiers were slightly wounded.

Meanwhile, "Operation Tiger" was going on in Nathanya for the seventh day running. Nothing incriminating was found. However, work has been dislocated in the area as a result of the searches and over six hundred workers have lost their jobs.

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UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE GOES TO LEBANON.

Jerusalem, July 21st. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The United Nations Special Committee on Palestine to-day left for Beirut to hear testimonies from representatives of the Arab States.

Yesterday, the Palestine Chief Secretary, and the heads of eight Government departments, appeared at a closed meeting of the Committee to answer what they described as "misleading points and omissions in the Jewish Agency's testimony."

The Chief Secretary also answered questions on the Emergency Defence Regulations and "illegal" Jewish immigration. A memorandum was submitted by the Government stating that "Jewish reactions between 1945 and 1947 had resulted in 270 being killed and damage amounting to £1,500,000."

The General Officer Commanding yesterday confirmed a sentence of five years' imprisonment on Jacob Lerman, who had been charged with carrying explosives, bombs and firearms.

Rabbi Dr. Israel Goldstein, President of the Confederation of General Zionists and former President of the Zionist Organisation of America, who arrived here to-day, expressed at a press conference his deep sorrow at the death of three young Jews on board the s.s. "Exodus."

"American Jews are sick at heart and resentful at such episodes as the British Navy's interception and attack on a Hagannah ship," he said. "Such outrages against fundamental human decencies only increase American Jewry's determination to support the efforts of every Jew who wants and needs to come to Palestine despite all obstacles. The arrival of the former Rev. Grauel aboard the 'Exodus' is an earnest proof that Christian America stands with us in the resolve that homeless Jews must not be barred from their Homeland."

Dr. Goldstein further emphasised that the overwhelming majority of American Jews stands behind the Jewish Agency in condemning the dissident groups whose resort to violence, heedless of Jewish authoritative bodies, hurts the Yishuv and the Zionist cause. At the same time, he said, American Jewry derives satisfaction and pride from the undaunted will of the Yishuv to carry on building the Jewish Homeland, despite all difficulties.

Dr. Goldstein concluded by stating that American Jews are hopeful that the United Nations Special Committee, having had an opportunity of seeing at first hand and independently, the Jewish miracle of resurrection in Palestine, will recommend the establishment of a Jewish State.

Clergyman Who Travelled With "Exodus" Refugees Testifies Before UNSCOP.

The Rev. John Stanley Grauel, a former clergyman of Worcester, Massachusetts, who travelled aboard the s.s. "Exodus" with the Jewish refugees, gave testimony before the U.N. Committee this morning. Judge Sandstrom presided and the majority of the Committee members were present.

The Rev. Grauel, whose passport and papers had been seized by the Haifa authorities, spent more than an hour telling his story and answering questions by Committee members who showed the greatest interest in the details of the manner in which the ship was boarded. In particular, the Committee members wanted to know whether such violent boarding action was "necessary".

"It was not necessary," the witness replied. "There have been at least 30 ships that have come to Palestine this way. They have all eventually reached the Palestine coast and their passengers were transhipped to Cyprus. Certainly the British knew that the ship was bound for Palestine. So why was it necessary to make an attack causing three dead and 27 so gravely wounded that they had to be taken to hospital?"

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"EXODUS" REFUGEES SENT BACK TO FRANCE "IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL INTERNATIONAL PROCEDURE": FOREIGN OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENT.

London, July 22nd. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The following announcement was issued by the Foreign Office last night:

"The s.s. 'President Warfield' left the harbour of Sete, in Southern France, on July 11th with 4,500 Jewish passengers who were attempting to enter Palestine illegally. The ship was intercepted a week later off the coast of Palestine and her passengers are now being sent back to France.

"This action has been taken in accordance with normal international procedure and in agreement with the French Government.

"The 'President Warfield', which was totally unfitted to carry so large a number of passengers, is not being used for the return journey. Her passengers are now travelling in three British transports, each of which has a greater capacity than the 'President Warfield'."

French To Decide Fate Of Refugees To-day.

Paris, July 22nd. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Whilst any further information on the arrival and ultimate fate of the refugees now on their way back from Palestine to France was withheld by the French Foreign Office yesterday, a spokesman of the Ministry of the Interior reluctantly admitted that the refugees are expected to return to France. He said that the Government takes a very serious view of the matter and that no final decision on the fate of the refugees has yet been taken. This decision is expected to be made to-day and, according to the Government spokesman, it will be one in harmony with the interests of France as well as with humanitarian principles.

Efforts Of Jews To Reach Palestine Will Continue - Says Jewish Agency Spokesman.

Jerusalem, July 22nd. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Amazement that France should have co-operated in the "heartless enterprise" of reshipping the "Exodus" refugees, was expressed by a Jewish Agency spokesman here last night when the official announcement of the action taken by the British authorities was made public by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

"The British Government," the spokesman commented, "are apparently prepared to stop at nothing in their efforts to block the escape of Jews from intolerable conditions in Europe. They are now experimenting with a new device to crush Jewish resistance against the White Paper policy and find it necessary to involve others in their manoeuvres. We are loath to believe the report that the Government of the country that cherishes the ideals of fraternity and equality should have accepted partnership in so heartless an enterprise, however violent the diplomatic pressure. Liberty-loving Frenchmen and Englishmen will react with humiliation and shame if this proves to be true.

"The proposal to transport these helpless people thousands of miles from Palestine, is a brutal undertaking which reveals the confusion and desperation of British policy," the spokesman said.

"The efforts of Jews to reach Palestine will continue," he stated in conclusion, adding that "no amount of repression can stifle the urge of Jews for freedom in their own country."

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High Commissioner Against Deportation Measure? - His Resignation Said To Be Imminent.

According to strong rumours emanating from high Government circles, serious dissension has arisen between the High Commissioner, General Sir Alan Cunningham, and the Foreign Secretary, over the decision to send back the "Exodus" refugees to France. It is asserted that relations between the Foreign Secretary and the High Commissioner are strained to breaking point and that a stage has been reached where the High Commissioner's resignation can be expected at any minute.

These sources maintain that this is not the first time that the High Commissioner has expressed strong opposition to the policy pursued by Mr. Bevin. Sir Alan intended to resign several months ago but was persuaded to stay on until the expiration of his term of office next autumn. However, the gulf between the High Commissioner and the Foreign Secretary has now widened to an unprecedented degree and Sir Alan's resignation is believed to be imminent.

"Reason Abdicated In Favour Of Stupid Irritation": "News Chronicle" Comments On Deportation Measure.

London, July 22nd. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

In an editorial entitled "Fanning the Flames", the "News Chronicle" to-day calls upon the Government to "produce in a hurry some pretty convincing reasons for their astonishing decision" to send the "Exodus" refugees back to France.

Although admitting that the measure is formally legal, the editorial points out that "to stand upon the letter of the law is to ignore, in the most foolhardy way, all political implications." It warns that the Government's intention to "teach the Jews a lesson" will fail since Jews who have suffered so much as these immigrants will seek any way of leaving Europe. "The only people who will benefit from such ill-judged bullying will be the terrorists in Palestine," the editorial says.

Pointing out that "once again in our Palestine policy, reason has abdicated in favour of stupid irritation," it urges that it be "reinstated with out delay before more damage is done."

BRITAIN DETERMINED TO PREVENT ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION INTO PALESTINE: MONTHLY QUOTA OF 1500 CONSIDERED AS "REASONABLE CONTRIBUTION" TO SOLVING IMMIGRATION PROBLEM.

London, July 22nd. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Invoking the recommendations of the Peel Commission to justify Britain's present Palestine policy, a Foreign Office spokesman to-day claimed that the monthly immigration quota of 1,500 represents "a very reasonable contribution" to a solution of the immigration problem.

Elaborating on last night's official announcement of Government action to return the "Exodus" refugees to France, the spokesman insisted that there must be only legal and not any illegal immigration into Palestine "in order to avoid exacerbation of feelings on both sides." He deprecated "tendencies to represent this as an Anglo-Jewish struggle" and declared that in reality it was merely a struggle to maintain law and order.

Britain, he added, considered a monthly quota of 1,500 - meaning 18,000 immigrants annually above the 75,000 provided for in the White Paper - as a not unreasonable contribution to a solution of the immigration problem which, he said, was the "crux of the Palestine question."

He recalled that political, in addition to economic, absorptive capacity was to be taken into account, according to the report of the Peel Commission which had generally been recognised as the fairest presentation of the problem. That report, he pointed out, had recommended an immigration quota of 1,000 per month.

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The spokesman revealed that the agreement with the French, mentioned in last night's announcement, was reached only during the course of the present incident and covered only this particular transport. He could not say whether the practice of deporting illegal immigrants to Cyprus would be discontinued but indicated that the sending back of such persons to ports of embarkation might be repeated in the future since "deportation to Cyprus was found to have had an insufficient deterrent effect on the organizers of this traffic."

It was up to France, he added, to decide on the fate of these refugees, including possible transfer to Colombia. Britain's part, he said, was completed with the return of the refugees to France which for all intents and purposes was to be regarded as these people's "country of origin" to which, under international law, illegal immigrants to any country could be sent back.

Finally, the spokesman recalled that the French authorities had wished to prevent the sailing of the "President Warfield" and had finally agreed to her departure only on condition that she would carry neither passengers nor cargo. This injunction was broken by the ship's captain. He also revealed that the transport is not expected to arrive in France before Thursday or Friday. The term "France", he pointed out, obviously included also French territorial waters and he was unable to say whether the French would permit the refugees to land or had prepared quarters for them.

VIOLENCE AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS: PALESTINE CHIEF SECRETARY
REPLIES TO JEWISH AGENCY CHARGES.

Jerusalem, July 22nd. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Accusations made by the Jewish Agency against the Royal Navy in connection with the interception of the refugee ship "President Warfield" were answered last night by the Chief Secretary of the Palestine Government, Sir Henry Gurney, who declared that any responsibility for these regrettable incidents must be placed upon those who offered resistance as well as those who incited them to such action.

In a letter addressed to the Agency, Sir Henry Gurney refers to the statement made last Sunday by an Agency spokesman who had said that "the Mandatory Power has now extended the enforcement of the illegal White Paper to the high seas, and to enforce this policy, the Mandatory was driven to utter disregard for human life and freedom."

The Chief Secretary points out that the facts regarding the interception and arrest of this vessel by the Royal Navy had been set out in an official communique. "The facts are," he says, "that danger to human life aboard this and other illegal immigrant ships (part from that inherent in the despatch of grossly excessive numbers of passengers in ill-found and frequently unseaworthy vessels without professionally qualified crews and deficient in life-saving apparatus) arises solely from defiance of the law and from attempts to prevent H.M. Navy from carrying out its lawful duty. Various degrees of violence have been employed against members of naval boarding parties and lives of naval personnel have been put in jeopardy. Use of force by the Royal Navy has been the minimum necessary to overcome forcible opposition, and preserve the lives or prevent serious injury of H.M. servants."

"Danger to illegal vessels themselves in the course of boarding operations has arisen from the frequent practice of such vessels of disregarding orders to stop, and of taking violent evasive action to prevent H.M. ships from coming alongside. Neither vessels nor passengers would be endangered were it not for measures by these aboard the ships carrying illegals taken with the object of obstructing the Royal Navy in the discharge of its duty."

"In these circumstances, the Government desires to bring to your attention the fact that such statements as those quoted are untrue and tendentious and cast wholly unjustified aspersions on the conduct of personnel of H.M. Navy. The responsibility for such unfortunate and regretted incidents as those that have occurred in connection with the arrest of the illegal ship 'President Warfield' must lie on those aboard the vessel who offered resistance to the Royal Navy and on those, both aboard the ship and elsewhere, who directed and incited them to offer such resistance," the letter concludes.

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23/7/1947.JEWISH AGENCY PROTESTS TO BRITISH FRENCH AND PALESTINE GOVERNMENTS
ON RETURN OF "EXODUS" REFUGEES TO FRANCE.

Jerusalem, July 22nd. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Jewish Agency has made strong representations to the British, French and Palestine Governments regarding the shipment of the "Exodus" refugees to France, a Jewish Agency spokesman revealed at a press conference here to-day. He added that there was still sufficient room in Cyprus for the "Exodus" refugees.

The spokesman also revealed that 21 ships carrying a total of 23,000 refugees have arrived in Palestine during the past ten months. Of these, 12 had been killed and many injured during trans-shipment and deportation operations.

The decision to send the refugees back to France marks a new phase in Anglo-Jewish relations and the Central Committees of the various Jewish parties in the Yishuv have been summoned to discuss the newly-created situation.

The Central Committee of Hashomer Hatzair and most editorials in to-day's Hebrew newspapers demand that the Jewish Agency approach the United Nations to protest against the new British policy and demand United Nations intervention to change it.

MILITARY CONTROL OF NATHANYA TIGHTENED: ATTACKS BY DISSIDENT GROUPS.

Jerusalem, July 22nd. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Coinciding with the end of the first week of military control in the Nathanya area, the Army authorities yesterday announced that preparations have been completed to close down all shops in the area as from to-day. Food will be distributed by troops.

No trace of the kidnapped men or any other incriminating evidence has been found in the "Operation Tiger" area during the searches. Military control has resulted in sixty per cent of Jewish workers in the district being thrown out of work whilst local industries have suffered losses amounting to £125,000.

An urgent meeting of local councils, the Jewish Agency and the Vaad Leumi has been called for to-day to discuss the deteriorating situation.

Meanwhile, attacks on troops and military installations continued yesterday. The oil pipeline between Affula and Haifa was slightly damaged by a bomb exploding near Kfar Yehoshua. Eight Jews, including one carrying a licensed pistol, were arrested in connection with the incident, but seven were later released. A jeep touring the Jewish quarter of Haifa to make a curfew announcement was blown up in Hachalutz Street. Two British soldiers and a Jewish interpreter were injured, and an unidentified 9-year-old boy killed. A Jewish woman, Geyan Ravitzky and her little daughter were also injured. Late at night, a bomb exploded behind the Jerusalem Central Prison. Heavy machine-gun fire was heard shortly afterwards. Sirens were sounded in Jerusalem again early this morning when a time-bomb exploded in the office of the Palestine Immigration Department. There were no casualties or damage.

In a statement to the press, the Irgun Zvai Leumi stated that they had carried out attacks against the pipeline in four places, causing considerable damage. "All our soldiers safely returned to their bases," the communique added.

A circular distributed by the Public Information Officer to all Government employees last night invites personnel to attend a memorial meeting for the victims of the attack on the King David Hotel last year. "To-morrow brings the first anniversary of the most dastardly of the outrages perpetrated by Jewish terrorists in Palestine, the circular states. "At 12.37 on July 22nd last year, the King David Hotel was blown up. Eighty-three public servants and five members of the public were brutally murdered and many others injured. The bodies of some of the victims were still being extricated a week after the attack.

"The memory of this is the blackest in the days of Palestine's modern history," the circular concludes. "To-morrow, the tragic memory will have poignant expression within the walls of the King David Hotel itself."

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FRANCE NOT TO COMPEL "EXODUS" REFUGEES TO DISEMBARK: OFFICIAL.

Paris, July 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The French Government last night confirmed officially that it is not their intention to compel the refugees who originally sailed to Palestine aboard the s.s. "President Warfield" and are now being brought back to France in three British transport vessels, to disembark against their will.

"This affair is simply from the point of view of international law but less so in view of a combination of circumstances," says an announcement issued after yesterday's Cabinet meeting.

"France intends to adopt a humane attitude in this matter," the announcement says, pointing out that the Government, whilst admitting that it has undertaken not to assist anyone in reaching Palestine, declines any responsibility for the departure of those refugees who had come from different zones of occupation in Germany and were staying in France only in transit. "All passengers had apparently valid visas for Columbia," a Government spokesman added.

He declared that "if these ships call at a French port the Government will not compel anyone to disembark and will try to find a humane solution, taking charge of the maintenance of those who wish to remain on French soil."

This announcement was later unofficially amplified by an assurance that even those who might choose to stay on board the ships will be supplied with food by the French authorities.

According to Jewish Agency circles, it is not yet certain that the British transports will call at Villefranchè. They might be directed to another port.

France Warned Against "Political Manoeuvres".

A warning to France not to be misled by a political manoeuvre started with the sole aim of saddling France with co-responsibility for the fate of the deported refugees, was uttered at a press conference here last night by M. Maurice Fischer, Secretary of the Political Department of the Jewish Agency in Paris.

He charged Britain with attempting to reduce the Jewish problem to one of passports and visas by giving petty reasons of procedure for the decision to send back the victims of the illegal closure of the gates of Palestine. Britain, he declared, thus wants to associate France with an action taken in contradiction of the Palestine Mandate which was signed also by France. There existed no Anglo-French agreement justifying the point of view taken by Britain on this matter, M. Fischer claimed. He concluded by expressing thanks to the French Government for their humane and sympathetic decision.

Maitre André Blumel, President of the Jewish National Fund in France, stressed that the exchange of letters that took place last March and April between the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the British Ambassador. Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, solely dealt with cases where collective visas had been issued. He emphasised that all Colombian visas were given on an individual basis.

At the same time a press conference was held at the Colombian Legation where it was stated that the visas held by the Jewish refugees were forged and that those guilty of this forgery, including the organisers of the transport, would be prosecuted.

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No Preparations In Villefranche To Receive Refugees.

Nice, July 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

A three-man delegation of representatives of the Federation of Jewish Societies in France and the Association of Ex-Combatants who arrived here yesterday to investigate the situation with regard to the expected arrival of the refugees from the S.S. "Exodus", found that the port authorities at Villefranche, which is just outside Nice, were completely unprepared to receive the British transport ships and had merely been informed by Paris that the ships might call there. The delegates also found that three American war ships are tied up in Villefranche for the next ten days, making the bay crowded.

The leader of the delegation, who would identify himself only by the pseudonym of "Rany", the name under which he was known as a member of the Resistance, told the J.T.A. correspondent that, in addition to pressure from all Jewish organisations in France, the powerful Committee of National Liberation is protesting to the French Government against the re-admission of the refugees. He emphasised that the authorities in Paris have been informed of the decision of the refugees to refuse disembarkation. He attributed the delay in the arrival of the ships to further negotiations between the French and British Governments pending the outcome of which the ships are waiting for orders on the high seas. He took the lack of preparations in Villefranche harbour as an indication for this.

The Nice police prefect told the delegation that the ships had been scheduled to arrive to-day.

Refugees Not To Land Before Saturday.

London, July 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

No information was available at the Foreign Office to-day as to plans in the event that the "Exodus" refugees insist on their refusal to disembark in France. It was merely stressed that France had agreed to take them back. Reports that the ships might not call at Villefranche at all, were neither confirmed nor denied. It was pointed out that the place of landing was never indicated by the British authorities and that this was a matter for the French to decide. A Foreign Office spokesman said that the arrival of the ships was now not expected before Saturday.

There was no confirmation of rumours that the ships might be ordered to proceed to Hamburg and that the refugees would be held in the British zone of occupation until possibilities of emigration overseas are found for them.

ANOTHER JUNE 29TH? - YISHUV FEARS SWEEPING GOVERNMENT ACTION.

Jerusalem, July 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

With political tension in Palestine mounting almost from hour to hour, Jewish leaders here are inclined to take various recent actions by police and military as indicating the Government's intention to deal the Yishuv as a whole another blow comparable to the action taken on June 29th of last year when wholesale arrests were carried out among members of the Jewish Agency and the population of whole settlements transferred to detention camps.

Yesterday, for the first time in a year, military entered the courtyard of the Jewish Agency building, examined cars parked there and checked the identity of the drivers. The unusually sharp manner in which the Government replied to recent statements by the Jewish Agency is a further indication that "there is something in the air."

Whether or not drastic measures will be taken against Jewish leaders is still mere speculation, but the fact is that this is the main topic of conversations throughout the Yishuv.

Representatives of the Hebrew Press yesterday asked the Public Information Officer, Mr. Richard Stubbs, why the security forces had ordered plain-clothes policemen, armed with tommy-guns and sub-machine-guns, to enter private houses and fire at uniformed police and troops and thus create the impression that a battle was in progress between terrorists and troops. Mr. Stubbs promised to enquire into the matter.

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There is strong feeling on the matter in considerable sections of the French population and it is understood that dockers in Southern France will refuse any co-operation in the forcible landing of refugees.

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ARAB BAND ATTACKS MAGDIEL: TWO JEWS KILLED.

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Two Jews were killed in repulsing an Arab attack on Magdiel in the early hours of this morning. The Arab band, numbering about twenty and wearing military uniforms and steel helmets, attacked the settlement from three sides with tommy-guns and sten-guns. The Jewish settlers immediately took up defensive positions and returned the fire, driving off the attackers. The two Jews killed were Gershon Bernstein, and a watchman, Mordechai Zukerman. It is not known whether the Arabs suffered casualties.

Two small boats with 66 young Jews on board, including three girls, were apprehended by a coastal patrol off Jaffa last night and detained despite their protests that they were Palestinian citizens. It was later established that the detained youths are members of the maritime section of the Hapoel sports organisation.

A number of attacks were again carried out yesterday against British forces. Three soldiers were seriously injured and an officer slightly injured when their jeep was blown up near Tel Tsur, between Nathanya and Raanana, yesterday afternoon. Later, a jeep was blown up in Haifa. The attackers then directed machine-gun fire at the jeep, injuring one officer. Another explosion shook Haifa about an hour later, when a mine exploded under an Army truck near the Rothschild Hospital in the curfewed Hadar Hacarmel area. Three British soldiers were wounded.

During the night, two attacks were made on the Palestine railway system. The first attack was carried out at a point south of Gaza. The second resulted in a bridge between Benyanina and Zichron Yaakov being partially destroyed. Royal Engineers were unable to remove the mine placed near the bridge and were forced to detonate it on the spot.

An Irgun broadcast last night stated that the struggle would continue until the situation was made so untenable that the problem would have to be brought before the United Nations Security Council. It protested against appeals by the Arab States to the U.N. enquiry committee at Beirut that the Palestine problem be referred to the Security Council. The Arab States made it appear that this is an Arabo-Jewish conflict, the broadcast declared. "There is no such conflict. Our conflict is with Britain."

Commenting on the shipment of the "Exodus" refugees to France, the broadcast said it does not make any difference as to where the refugees are deported - France or elsewhere. The only reply to deportations is "total war."

During a search in the "Operation Tiger" area yesterday, troops found a quantity of explosives and ammunition in an abandoned well near Ramat Tzionkin. In addition to a mortar bomb, a French hand-grenade, 465 rounds of ammunition and a quantity of gelignite, the searchers found Army uniforms and Irgun pamphlets.

MR. BEN-GURION ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL.

Jerusalem, July 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Mr. David Ben-Gurion, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, was admitted to the Beilinson Hospital here yesterday for a medical examination.

PRESIDENT OF Z.O.A. ASKS UNITED STATES TO INTERVENE WITH BRITAIN ON "EXODUS" REFUGEES.

New York, July 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Addressing a press conference here last night, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, President of the Zionist Organisation of America, called on the United States Government to intervene with Britain on the matter of the "Exodus" refugees. He urged the American Government to abandon its "neutral position" when the Palestine issue is brought before the United Nations and to restate its traditional pro-Zionist policy.

Dr. Neumann asserted that the majority of Britons do not realise the enormity of the crime committed by their Government.

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A resolution was passed unanimously appealing to former German Jews now living abroad to abstain from offering sworn affidavits to the British authorities that certain accused Nazis had good past records. It was pointed out that this action was being abused and was helping to clear many Nazis.

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JEWS LEAVE FRANCE FOR AUSTRALIA AND SOUTH AMERICA.

JEWISH PROTESTS AGAINST SECRECY IN I.R.C. DELIBERATIONS.

AMERICAN PRESIDENT UNABLE TO ORDER ADMISSION OF REFUGEES ABOVE QUOTA.

PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF FEDERATION OF SYNAGOGUES RESIGN.

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TISHA B'AV 5707: DEPUTY CHIEF RABBI STRESSES ORDEAL OF JEWS DEPORTED FROM PALESTINE.

London, July 25th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Stressing the tragic fate of the survivors of the Nazi massacres in Europe who are braving every peril to reach Palestine but find the gates of the Jewish Homeland barred and are being deported from its shores, the Deputy for the Chief Rabbi, Dayan H.M. Lazarus, in a message issued on the occasion of Tisha B'Av, recalls Britain's sympathies for the oppressed and expresses confidence that she will "not fail an anguished, yet virile, people."

The message reads as follows:

"Jews all over the world will again commemorate by fasting and prayer the most mournful anniversary in their calendar. It is the ninth of Av, the day on which nearly 1,900 years ago, the Temple, the sanctuary of Israel's State, was laid low by the Romans and the Jewish remnants became captives and fugitives.

"As the voice of lamentation is raised in the synagogues, the remembrance of ancient tragedy and many other exiles and persecutions will inevitably mingle with grief for the calamity of the House of Israel these times. The thoughts of mourners will turn to the 6,000,000 slain, and to the hundreds of thousands of survivors in Europe to whom only Palestine affords deliverance from their bitter humiliation, sufferings and wanderings. They, as we have learned in these last months and days, are ready to make every sacrifice, undergo every hardship and brave every peril to reach their goal where, we know, they are eagerly awaited by brothers and sisters already in the Land of Israel. How dreadful the ordeal to be debarred at the threshold and deported as an escaped prisoner! Alas, only last week over 4,000 of our brethren have suffered this fate.

"Can our age-long yearning towards Jerusalem be stifled, or the right of sanctuary in our historic Homeland always be denied to us? Britain, the mother of freedom, who once redeemed slaves and whose warm sympathies were shown when the Balfour Declaration was made, will surely not fail an anguished yet virile people. The world is slowly recovering from the disaster that had threatened civilisation. Can the world find it consistent with the spirit of the new moral order sought by the United Nations, to withhold from the sorely tried people of Israel the asylum, with the peace and freedom which they can best find in their own land?"

DEPORTATION OF "EXODUS" REFUGEES DENOUNCED AT NEW YORK MASS MEETING: AMERICAN GOVERNMENT URGED TO ACT.

New York, July 25th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Charging Britain with flouting the Palestine Mandate and ignoring the United Nations resolution calling for maintaining peace during the investigations of the enquiry committee, a resolution adopted here last night at a mass meeting attended by many thousands of people voiced their "indignation at the deliberate acts of lawlessness and barbarity" committed against Jews seeking to enter the National Home.

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Several speakers called for American intervention and re-affirmation of her traditional Palestine policy. "One official gesture of the United States Government could end the tragedy in Palestine," Congressman Emanuel Celler pointed out, adding that the United States has not played the rôle it should have played. "Russia has spoken up, but not the United States," he said.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, President of the Zionist Organisation of America, appealed to President Truman and the Secretary of State, Mr. Marshall, to "stay the hand of the British Government." He urged the United States Government to throw its weight, prestige and influence into the scales in favour of the Jews.

Mrs. Moses Epstein, President of the Hadassah, who after the meeting flew to Palestine, termed the deportation of the "Exodus" refugees an "act of international anarchy," asserting that these Jews were being transported "like sub-human chattels."

Declaring that they had gathered not for a protest but to "proclaim that we will never yield our Holy Land," Mr. Leon Gellman, President of the American Mizrahi, said that they were prepared to "sacrifice everything for the rescue of the Jewish remnants and the recreation of Palestine as the Jewish Homeland."

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, member of the Jewish Agency Executive, made a strong attack on what he called the United States policy of "talk and delay." He asked: "Is there no Truman doctrine for our people?" Drawing a line between the great humanitarian traditions of Britain and her present policy in Palestine, Dr. Silver said that it was not the proud British Navy but "Bavin's Navy and Bavin's henchmen" who boarded the s.s. "Exodus." He paid the highest tribute to France for her announcement that she will not use force to compel the refugees to land and will extend every courtesy and human treatment to them. He asked the gathering to stand up while the Marseillaise was being played, but when the recording machine broke down, he led the assembly in singing the anthem. He praised the American members of the crew of s.s. "Exodus" and called upon tens of thousands of other American Jewish boys to follow their example. Mr. Bavin should know, he said, that "the veterans of Guadalcanal and Normandy will transport our people to Palestine."

Representatives of the Poale Zion and the Revisionists also addressed the meeting which was followed by a memorial service for William Bernstein, first mate of the "Exodus" who was killed during boarding operations.

Placards accusing Britain of piracy and pledging support to the Yishuv and the refugees were carried by many participants in the meeting. A telegram was read from Mr. Frank Duxton, former member of the Anglo-American Committee of Enquiry, terming the deportation of the "Exodus" refugees a "breach and repudiation of the Balfour Declaration."

JEWISH PEOPLE DEMANDS INDEPENDENCE: DR. GOLDMANN SPEAKS AT PARIS MASS MEETING.

Paris, July 25th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

"The chapter of co-operation with Britain is closed," said Dr. Nahum Goldmann, member of the Jewish Agency Executive, addressing a mass meeting held here last night under the auspices of the Zionist Federation of France to protest against the deportation of the "Exodus" refugees. The President of the Federation, M. Marc Jarblum, was in the chair.

Expressing the indignation and bitterness felt throughout the Jewish world at this latest British action, Dr. Goldmann spoke with pride of the heroic attitude shown by the refugees. He recalled the repeated efforts made by the Jewish Agency to come to terms with Britain, despite the hostility displayed in Government quarters who insisted on a policy of prestige.

Declaring that the period of co-operation with Britain has come to an end, Dr. Goldmann insisted that Britain, "if she refused to carry out the terms of the Mandate, must quit."

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Noting with satisfaction the attitude adopted in this matter by the French public and press, Dr. Goldmann expressed deep gratitude to the French Government for their decision.

"The 'Exodus' incident has shown that the status quo cannot continue," he stated in conclusion. "The Jewish people has reached maturity to claim independence not only from Britain but from any other rule."

Maître André Blumel, President of the Keren Kayemeth in France, after conveying a message of solidarity from the French Chief Rabbi, Issay Schwartz, warned against attempts to interfere with France's sovereign rights. "Until further notice, it is France and no foreign Government, that rules its territory," he declared, adding that both legality and elementary human justice are on the side of the Jews.

M. Raiski, a representative of a non-Zionist group with Communist leanings, blamed reaction and imperialism for the difficulties in Palestine and stressed the necessity of strengthening Jewish unity.

M. Haim Shurer, representing the Hitachduth, and M. Grinberg, of the Federation of Jewish Societies in France, also spoke.

A resolution was unanimously adopted protesting against the deportation measure, thanking the French Government for their humane attitude, expressing solidarity with the refugees and the Yishuv and voicing confidence in the Jewish Agency.

JEWISH REPRESENTATIVES ON LOOK-OUT FOR REFUGEES IN FRENCH PORTS.

Nice, July 25th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Six representatives of French Jewish organisations are now deployed in Southern France to be available at the arrival of the "Exodus" refugees. As no announcement of the place of arrival has yet been made, one representative has been stationed in each of the ports of Villefrance, Nice, Juan-les-Pins, Toulon, Marseilles and Sète. They are constantly contacting Paris for the latest developments but as there is still no indication as to where exactly the ships will land, the organisations must be ready for any eventuality.

Local Jewish leaders here were greatly heartened by the French decision not to force the refugees to land. At the same time, they have the impression that the authorities are doing their utmost to avoid readmitting the refugees and to force the British to take them elsewhere. Great satisfaction is felt at the promise of the authorities to send food to the ships.

The local authorities here are still without any instructions in connection with the arrival of the transports which is now believed to be imminent. They have promised full co-operation with the local Jewish organisations and to keep them informed on all developments. They declared that this co-operation would be maintained whatever may happen.

Jewish leaders here have great difficulties in restraining Jewish youth groups from demonstrations pending a final decision on the fate of the refugees.

From an American source it was learned that the presence of American warships in Villefranche Bay is a pure coincidence. The ships are on a routine visit which had been arranged some time ago.

ANOTHER REFUGEE SHIP NEARING PALESTINE COAST - SAYS HAGANAH.

Jerusalem, July 25th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Another refugee vessel is making for the Palestine shore, it was announced in a Haganah broadcast last night. The ship, called the "Return to Zion", has four hundred refugees aboard. Four British destroyers have gone out to intercept the ship, "but Haganah has found new devices to fight the illegal White Paper and immigration law," the broadcast added.

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The announcement also charged that the Government is preparing to proclaim the entire country a controlled area and impose martial law. "But no measures will suppress the Jewish spirit, and the fight for the Jewish State will continue," the broadcast concluded.

Rumours are prevalent here that two other refugee ships, carrying approximately 2,000 passengers, are en route to Palestine. One ship is stated to be "somewhere along the North African coast." The other is reported to have sailed through the Straits of Messina and is being constantly shadowed by R.A.F. reconnaissance planes.

"We are happy to note that France remains loyal to her humanitarian and liberal traditions," a Jewish Agency spokesman stated here yesterday, commenting on the French Government's decision not to compel the "Exodus" refugees to disembark.

Reports from Famagusta state that the departure of two ferry ships, with 550 refugees aboard due to be sent back to Palestine under the July quota, has been held up until further notice. The vessels were scheduled to leave at midnight. No explanation was given for the postponement order but it is believed to be connected with the attack on the "Empire Lifeguard" last Wednesday.

Large detachments of British troops cordoned off Bat Yam, adjoining Jaffa, at dawn to-day. A strict curfew was imposed and intensive searches carried out for the kidnapped N.C.C's who are allegedly being kept in the area.

The sounding of sirens yesterday afternoon heralded the resumption of attacks by dissident forces on British troops and police in Jerusalem. The first attack was made on Goldsmith House when shots were fired at guards. There were no casualties. Sirens sounded again later in the afternoon but there seemed to be no apparent explanation for the alert.

In the evening, a bomb exploded on an empty plot of land adjoining the Home for Aged People, rocking the city. No one was hurt. Nervous troops in various parts of the city immediately opened indiscriminate fire.

Three soldiers were injured, one seriously, when a two-ton military truck was blown up near the Jerusalem suburb of Beth Hakerem. The truck was acting as curfew escort for a Hadassah ambulance conveying a pregnant Jewish woman to hospital.

A bomb exploded last night in Haifa. No details of the incident are available.

Another diamond robbery was carried out in Tel Aviv yesterday when five young Jews held up the owner of a diamond-polishing establishment while he was conferring with diamond brokers. The thieves made off with diamonds valued at £3,000.

When police removed a marble switchboard yesterday at the engineering plant in Tel Aviv which they have been searching for several days, they found a small steel door leading to a hidden room full of arms. The arms have not yet been counted.

The Stern Group last night announced that it had carried out attacks in Jerusalem, Haifa and Denezmina during the last three days since the deportation of the "Exodus" refugees. "These attacks will continue without any truce," the announcement added.

It has now been established that the Arabs who attacked Magdiel on Wednesday were a robber band who have been active in the area for some time.

New Refugee Ship Not Yet Intercepted.

No further news has been received concerning the new refugee boat "Shivat Zion" which, according to last night's Haganah broadcast, is approaching Palestine.

It was learned to-day that the arms cache discovered by the police in Tel Aviv last night belonged to the Haganah. Informed sources estimate the value of the arms seized at about £200,000.

At midnight to-day it will be a fortnight since the two sergeants were abducted, and nine days since "Operation Tiger" was put into force. No trace of the kidnapped men has been found and there is no indication that the measures taken in this connection will be called off. During this period, 54 terrorist outbreaks occurred in the country, causing the death of eight members of the security forces, two civilians and one member of a dissident group. Sixty-six members of the security forces and 11 civilians were

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TRACT OF LAND IN PALESTINE NAMED AFTER DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN.

Jerusalem, July 25th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

At a special function presided over by Rabbi Meir Berlin, an engraved scroll recording the naming of a tract of land in Southern Palestine after Dr. Israel Goldstein, former President of the Zionist Organisation of America and of the Jewish National Fund in the United States, was presented to Dr. Goldstein.

The tract, which is to be known as "Chevel Goldstein," is situated between the two ancient historic towns of Gaza and Lachish. Two settlements have already been established on this land and more are to be founded in the near future.

Replying to tributes paid him by several speakers, Dr. Goldstein proposed a "five-year plan for the Jewish people, under which an additional one million dunams of land should be acquired for colonisation and the absorption of one million Jews to be brought from the Diaspora."

Referring to the recent events, Dr. Goldstein said that "if the Mandatory Power believes that the sending back of ships will deter future attempts by Jews to enter their National Home, it miscalculates the driving force of the Jewish will to live."

He concluded by revealing that the United Palestine Appeal is making efforts to transmit to Palestine a sum of 50,000,000 dollars. America would also provide men who will participate in the restoration of the Jewish State, he said.

BRITISH TRANSPORTS HEADING FOR VILLEFRANCHE?

Nice, July 25th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Jewish Agency representatives waiting for the British transports carrying the "Exodus" refugees were still without any information at noon to-day as to the exact landing place although there were strong rumours that the ships would appear at the French coast at any hour. Jewish Agency delegates are standing by in all ports from Villefranche to Sète. Villefranche is still being tipped as the most likely place of the landing.

Police prefectures along the coast reiterated that they have received no orders from Paris regarding the ships. As far as is known, no preparations have been made by the French for the reception of the ships either in the way of food supplies or provisions for taking care of the sick.

Jewish Agency representatives who had witnessed the departure of the ships from Palestine told the J.T.A. that the passengers were then in a most terrible condition and it could be imagined that this has become still worse now. They said that there were 600 women who have passed the sixth month of their pregnancy aboard the ship as well as many hundreds of children, all of whom must be in a terrible shape.

Grave concern was expressed by the Jewish representatives here as to what the British will do when the refugees refuse to disembark which is confidently expected.

CHILDRENS TRANSPORT FROM SWEDEN ARRIVES IN PARIS.

Paris, July 25th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

A group of 125 Jewish children, mostly orphans, who had been brought to Sweden from German concentration camps, arrived here to-day, via Calais. They will be taken care of by the Youth Aliyah pending their re-emigration to Palestine. The Joint Distribution Committee has made itself responsible for the cost of their maintenance and education.

DR. SNEH IN WARSAW ON AGENCY MISSION.

Warsaw, July 25th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Dr. Moshe Sneh, member of the Jewish Agency Executive, arrived here yesterday on a special mission for the Jewish Agency. He will meet high Polish Government officials. Dr. Sneh has already conferred with local Zionist leaders to whom he gave a detailed account of the present situation in the Yishuv.

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INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN PREVENTING "ILLEGAL" IMMIGRATION.

Lake Success, July 25th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The United Nations Secretariat revealed last night that ten more nations have answered Mr. Trygve Lie's request to reveal what action they have taken on the British demand for co-operation in halting illegal Jewish immigration into Palestine.

Most replies cited legal and other measures adopted but Argentina pointed out that it has "never interfered in the internal policies of Palestine."

Honduras said that it had ordered its Consul in New York to cancel the papers of all ships sailing under the Honduras flag which are caught carrying illegal immigrants. Honduras, it was added, does not object to the British halting its ships on the high seas if they are suspected of transporting Jewish immigrants.

Other Governments who assured that they would co-operate included Australia, Belgium, New Zealand, South Africa and Venezuela while France pointed out that she had taken up the matter directly with the British Government.

It was also announced yesterday that an application for United Nations membership has been filed by the Yemen. At present, five members of the Arab League have been admitted to the United Nations, whilst the application of Transjordan is still pending. It will be dealt with after the applications of Albania and Outer Mongolia have been considered.

A report has been received from the I.R.C. Preparatory Commission in Geneva stating that a total of about 3,000,000 dollars in non-monetary gold in the American zones of Germany and Austria will be transferred to the I.R.C. Steps are being taken to secure such gold reserves also from other zones as well as the assets of victims of Nazi persecution which are not claimed by legal heirs. A sum of about 12,500,000 dollars will be turned over by Sweden as a result of the liquidation of German assets in that country. Ninety per cent of these funds will be used for the resettlement and rehabilitation of Jewish survivors in accordance with the Paris Restitution Conference.

TERRORISM IN PALESTINE CONDEMNED BY JEWS IN BRITISH ZONE.

Bed Harzburg, July 25th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Second Annual Conference of the Central Committee of Liberated Jews in the British Zone concluded here yesterday after unanimously adopting a resolution condemning terrorism in Palestine. In marked contrast to the attitude of the Revisionists in the American zone, who walked out in protest when a similar resolution was adopted by the Conference of Jews in the American Zone last February, the Revisionist representatives in the British zone voted for the resolution both during the committee stage and at the plenary session. The resolution also expressed solidarity with the Yishuv and pledged full support to the Jewish Agency.

Another resolution appeals to the forthcoming conference of Foreign Ministers to provide displaced Jews in Germany with legal status and guarantee them full civil liberty. The British authorities were requested to grant the Central Committee recognition as the representative body of all Jews in the British zone. The immediate adoption of property restitution laws in Germany was also urged.

Another resolution requests the British adviser on Jewish affairs, Colonel Robert Solomon, to take a more active interest in the problems facing the Jews here.

Mr. Joseph Rosensaft and Mr. Norbert Wollheim were re-elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. Of the other 13 Committee members, seven represent the various political parties in the camps and six, the Jewish communities in the zone. An Advisory Council of 15 will consist of 19 representatives of the camps and 16 of the communities.

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